

Agency: Department of Transportation/Public Facilities**Project Title:**

Matanuska-Susitna Borough - Burma Road Upgrade

State Funding Requested: \$ 5,000,000**House District: 15 - H**

Future Funding May Be Requested

Brief Project Description:

Realigning, upgrading, and paving of Burma Road from South Big Lake Road to Point MacKenzie Road

Funding Plan:**Total Cost of Project: \$5,000,000**Funding Secured*Amount FY*Other Pending Requests*Amount FY*Anticipated Future Need*Amount FY*

There is no other funding needed

Detailed Project Description and Justification:

This project consists of realigning, upgrading and paving of Burma Road from South Big Lake Road to Point MacKenzie Road. Burma Road is proposed as a truck route for the future Port MacKenzie development as well as an interstate connection to the KABATA bridge project. Project will include widening to a two-lane road with shoulders with safety improvements as necessary. Project is essentially a new connection to the Parks Highway from Point MacKenzie. It will increase economic development to the region by providing a new transportation route to efficiently move cars and freight to the northern areas of the state. This project will also reduce the amount of traffic on the Knik-Goose Bay Road which is scheduled to become a Highway Safety Corridor due to the number of fatal accidents and serious injuries.

Project Timeline:

FY09-FY10

Entity Responsible for the Ongoing Operation and Maintenance of this Project:

ADOT&PF

Grant Recipient Contact Information:

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Has this project been through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority? ☒ Yes ☐ No



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CY2008 Capital Project Description

Burma Road

1. **Project Name:** Burma Road
2. **Project Location and House District:** Matanuska-Susitna Borough;
House District: 15-H
3. **Description of Project:** This project consists of the realigning, upgrading and paving of Burma Road from South Big Lake Road to Point MacKenzie Road. Burma Road is proposed as a truck route for the future Port MacKenzie development as well as an interstate connection to the KABATA bridge project. Project will include widening to a two-lane road with shoulders with safety improvements as necessary.
4. **Describe the regional benefits of the project, if any.** Project is essentially a new connection to the Parks Highway from Point MacKenzie. It will increase economic development to the region by providing a new transportation route to efficiently move cars and freight to the northern areas of the state.
5. **Describe the public health and safety aspects of the project, if any.** This new connection between Port Mackenzie and the Parks Highway will reduce the amount of traffic on the Knik-Goose Bay Road which is currently scheduled to become a Highway Safety Corridor due to the number of fatal accidents and serious injuries.
6. **Amount of Funding Request:** \$5 Million for right-of-way acquisition.
7. **Total funding to complete the project:** \$38 Million to complete the design and construction.
8. **Number of years to complete the project; start and end dates:** The right-of way phase of this project is estimated to take two years to complete beginning in fall of 2008 and ending in fall of 2009. Final design and construction will take another 3 years.
9. **Matching funds available/sources:** The Borough has acquired approximately two-thirds of the right of way needed for this project expending over a million dollars which will be applied as matching funds.
10. **If the project received prior state appropriations, list the amount and the year of the appropriation:** 2006- \$5 Million in general funds were allocated to ADOT&PF for the Burma Road/S. Big Lake Road realignment environmental document.

- 11. Are funds for the project included in the Governor's proposed FY2009 budget? If so, where?** Not at this time.
- 12. Are federal funds being sought, either through competitive grants or earmarks?** No. Federal funding requirements would cause many years of delay. ADOT&PF reports no additional federal funds available in the STIP.
- 13. Has the project gone through a public review process at the local level and is it a community priority demonstrated by resolution or other official action by the governing body?** The Burma Road Realignment and Upgrade project is in the Matanuska-Susitna Borough's Long Range Transportation Plan as a high priority Base Level project. The project is also listed in the Borough's Capital Improvement Program State highway Systems Projects Section as the number seven highway improvement needed.
- 14. If funding is made available for the project this year, who will be responsible for providing the ongoing maintenance and operations costs?** ADOT&PF
- 15. Project contact information – name, address, e-mail, phone number:**

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